

Washington DC-Tuesday Congressman Harry Teague will visit La Clinica de Familia Community Health Center in Las Cruces. Congressman Teague will take a tour of the facility and visit with doctors, patients, and staff at the health center. La Clinica de Familia is the recipient of \$472,430 in stimulus funds. The funding will be used to expand services and meet the increasing demands of a growing clientele.

"For many of the small and rural communities throughout my district, seeing a doctor often requires travel to a town miles away," said Congressman Harry Teague. "Getting our local health centers the funding they need to add new providers or expand their hours and services will help our rural communities stay healthy."

Grantees had previously submitted plans explaining how grant funds would be used. Strategies to expand services may include, but are not limited to, adding new providers, expanding hours of operations or expanding services.

Health centers are community-based and patient-directed organizations that serve populations with limited access to health care. Among the services community health centers provide are regular health check-ups and immunizations. In 2007, approximately 36% of patients were children and about 7% were 65 or older.

Who: Congressman Harry Teague & La Clinica de Familia CEO Harriet Brandstetter

What: Tour of Community Health Center and Dental Clinic

When: Tuesday, April 7th, 9:30-10:00am

Where: La Clinica De Familia, 1160 Mall Dr., Las Cruces

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